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for Two Halls from Dossan Airfield
to Pineda

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1. Prior to June 1953, the former HV 18 had planned to establish a development center for aircraft at the former Junkers airfield in Dessau. For this purpose, two large halls were to be built there. The names assigned to these halls were Z-II and V-0. Prefabricated parts of these halls were delivered to the Dessau airfield and stored there. In March and April 1953 the foundation of Z-III was laid. When the New Course was inaugurated after the June 1953 events, work on these halls was discontinued, and the prefabricated parts were left stored at the Dessau airfield.
2. In late March 1955, transfer of the two halls from Dessau to the Pirna-Sonnenstein compound of the Main Administration for Industrial Requirements (successor of HV 18) was started. The transfer was completed in April 1955. Bau-Union Sued, one of the construction offices working for the East German Ministry of the Interior, received the order to assemble the two halls and erect them in the Pirna-Sonnenstein compound. According to the government order, this work is to be completed by 31 July 1955. The two halls are to serve as construction halls for the Pirna-Sonnenstein development staff of the Main Administration for Industrial Requirements.
3. Following are details of the two halls:
 - a. Hall Z-III: The main pillars and the roof construction are made of steel. The total weight of the steel parts is 360 tons. The steel parts were delivered in 1953 by the firm Stahlbau Hempel und Co. in Dresden-Cossebaude. The prefabricated parts of the hall are made of concrete. Z-III consists of two center wings, each 20 meters wide. Each center wing has equipment for the operation of 10-ton assembly crane. There are two side wings for the storing of supplies and equipment. Each side wing has a width of 8 meters. The overall length of the hall is 120 meters. The sketch on Appendix 1 shows:

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I. A section of the ground plan of the hall. The crosses mark the locations of the steel pillars. The double lines mark the intermediate reinforced concrete beams (Zwischenbetonkassetten).

II. A sketch of the hall with:

- (a) the two center wings;
- (b) the two side wings;
- (c) the steel roof construction;
- (d) the concrete-granite foundation;
- (e) the steel pillars; and
- (f) the cranes.

The distance from floor to ceiling is about 12 meters.

b. Hall V-0: This is a hall made of reinforced concrete; the roof construction is made of steel. All parts except the foundations are prefabricated.

The sketch on Appendix 2 shows:

I. Sketch of the ground plan. The hall consists of two wings. The main wing (a) is about 19 meters wide. The side wing (b) is about 6 meters wide. The total length of the hall is about 60 meters.

II. A sketch of the hall with: concrete foundations (a), and a 7.5-ton crane (b), delivered by VEM Abus Kranbau, Koethen. The distance from floor to ceiling is about 12 meters.

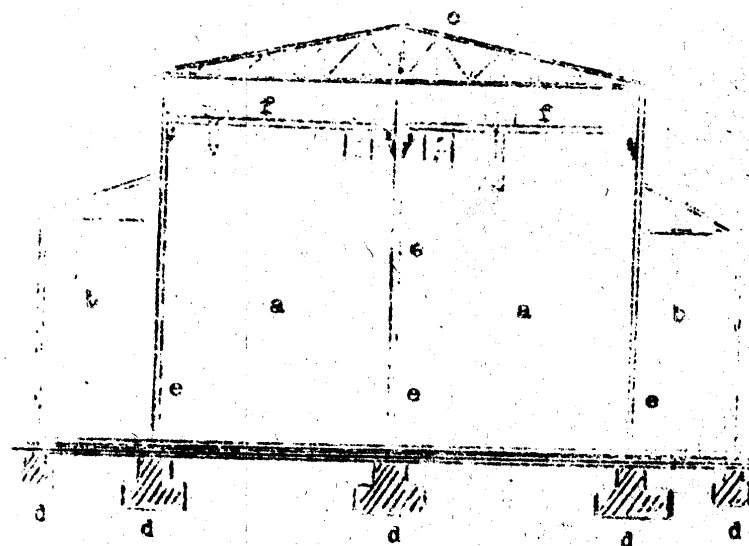
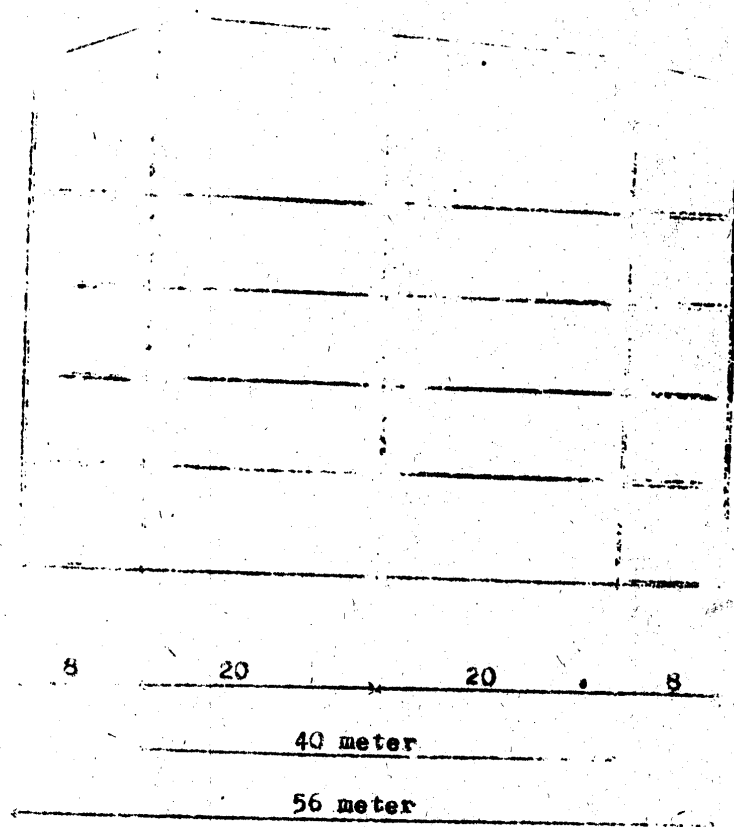
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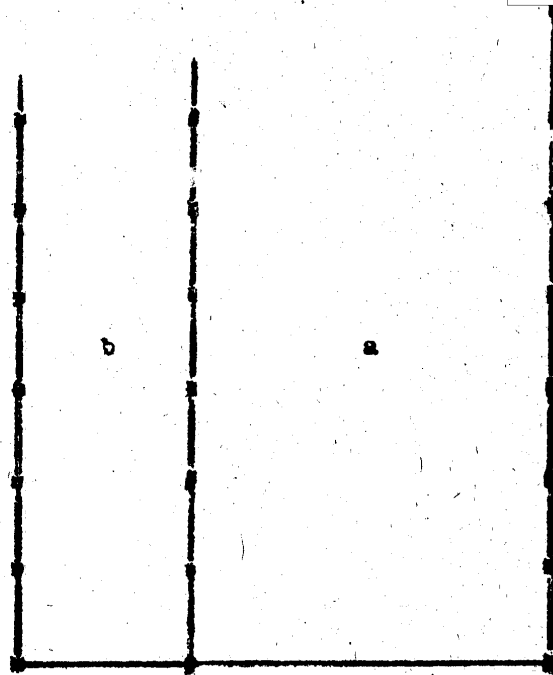
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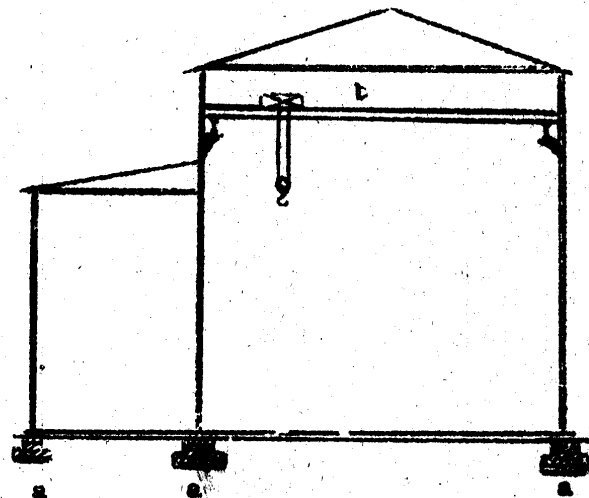
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